REMARKS

Consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Group I, claims 1-7, 12-13, 14-15 and 16-17 are hereby elected.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with this communication, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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